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SUBJECT: BELIZE AT THE UN: UK VIEW

1. UKUN MISSION OFFICER RICHARDSON GAVE THE FOLLOWING ASSESMENT ON AUGUST 5 OF POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENTS AT THE UN ON BELIZE. RICHARDSON PARTICIPATED IN BOTH THE NEW YORK AND NEW ORLEANS TALKS.

2. RICHARDSON REPORTED THAT PREMIERE PRICE IS VERY KEEN ON USING THE UN, AS WELL AS OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORUMS, TO EXERT PRESSURE ON GUATEMALA. HE BELIEVES THAT, AT A MINIMUM THE FOURTH COMMITTEE OF THE GA WILL BE THE SCENE OF SPEECHES ON BELIZE BY THE VARIOUS INTERESTED PARTIES. THE GOB MAY ALSO SEEK TO HAVE SOME OF HER CARIBBEAN FRIENDS SUBMIT A RESOLUTION ON BELIZE TO THE FOURTH COMMITTEE. PRICE IS CONFIDENT THAT THE NECESSARY MAJORITY COULD BE OBTAINED.

3. RICHARDSON EXPLAINED THAT THE UK HAS NOT MADE ANY DECISION YET ABOUT HOW TO RESPOND TO SUCH AN INITIATIVE. HE DID, HOWEVER, OUTLINE THE FOLLOWING RESERVATIONS: FIRST, THE UK IS NOT AS CONVINCED AS PRICE THAT A MAJORITY FOR A BELIZE RESOLUTION IS TO BE OBTAINED. SECOND, EVEN
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IF A RESOLUTION WERE PASSED, THE UK IS UNCERTAIN OF WHAT

EFFECT IT MIGHT HAVE. RICHARDSON EMPHASIZED THE UNPRE-
DICTABILITY OF THE UN.

4. RICHARDSON SAID THAT HE REALIZED THAT BELIZE DEVELOP-
MENTS HAVE IMPORTANT IMPLICATIONS FOR US AND PROMISED TO
KEEP US FULLY INFORMED.
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